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ed Suits and Three-Piece Suits, 8 to 16; year \$5.00 for our \$7.50 and \$8.50 Suits. Else-

where they'd be \$10.00. \$6.00 for our \$8.50 and \$10 Suits. Else

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where they'd be \$15. $\$8.50\,\mathrm{for}\,\mathrm{our}\,\$12\,\mathrm{Suits}.$ Elsewhere they'd be \$15.00.

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THE FARM, GARDEN AND DAIRY Little Paragraphs That will Interest Every

Irrigation is said to be lowering the ten Is there in this bright country a single

& St. Louis railroad.

Now plan what you are going to do this

and the work will be lighter. A pig is usually kept in every stable in Persia; it is thought its presence is bene

Do not neglect to examine the horse's

The Missouri supreme court says a far mer is not a hawker or peddler conse quently needs no license to retail his products in town.

In Cuba they cut off the timber and brush, then punch holes in the ground and plant corn. It is never cultivated has to be husked by a man on a mule.

Be up-to-date, Be never late, Hasten where progress leads. Read up-to-date,

Get up-to-date, And try those grand new seeds.

Georgia has held the lead in the production of peaches for the Eastern market since 1902 and for years to come is likely to be the leading peach state in the Union.

She has more than 7,000,000 trees A piously inclined schoolboy in Liver poo! wrote a religious essay, in which ap peared this striking passage: "So he sed unto Moses Come forth; but he came fifth and lost the job. Moral, get up urly, and avoid the rush.

the county just see what the other fellow exhibits at the fair and note that he is a little ahead of you in premiums. Don't Arreiticise his stuff, but turn your sharp eye upon your own exhibit and see wherein the fault lies. Then dig.

A Colorado farmer writes: "We are n raising mules and one very good thing about the business is that buyers comaround after them and pay the price we them up. If a farmer is not a very good rustler for a customer there is a big

age of ten weeks to feed a young chick, at which age if properly cared for, it should weigh two pounds. This is equivalent to five cents, as the cost for each pound of chick. To this must be added, of course the cost of the egg and the labor and trouble of hatching.

An Illinois farmer plowed up an old feed lot of 10 acres and raised a paying crop of corn. The corn was drilled in rows 21 inches apart and a kernel every 9 inche in the row. The yield was an average of 180 busliels per acre. This is about three times as much as the best farmers usually

ing, put on her husband's trousers, builds the fires, milks the cows and does the chores—all before the old man wakes from his slumbers. There would not be so many brokendown husbands, who believe that marries is a failure if tragedy was committed, will shortly introduce a bill in the Legislature providmore wives would follow the Cullom woo man's example.

do it, but by this time next year we themselves after dark. would at least be found trying to hold

down a small farm of our own. "There is" said one of our farmers, probably a good deal of wealth beneath the soil of Illinois, not counting coal mines, which yield fortunes to their operators every year. But it is nothing in the wealth that is found above it between July and November, every year. Some of the best paying dirt in the universe is that which is to be found in the corn belt

of the Prairie state."

Hit or-miss farming, as a rule doesn't pay, but it hurts no man to try an experiment now and then. One or two in a rishurg and intermediate stations: from page it a hard dog's tail in his bill and gave it a hard rishurg and intermediate stations: from page. year is enough for the average farmer who all stations on the Delaware Division, and see what was hurting him, the raven tha farms because he makes his money that way, but to turn the whole farm into a sort of an experimental station, trying a little of this and a little of that, but not plus 25 cents. Deposit of ticket with Joint on the ground immed anishly significant. en ough of one thing to make it pay, is the 8 and payment of fee of \$1.00 will secure w rong idea altogether.

LAST OF SEASON

The last Pennsylvania Railroal tour to Ticket Agents. Jacksonville for the present season will leave Mew York, Philadelphia, Balti-Reduced Rates te New Orleans, Mobile, and Pensacola more, and Washington by special train

Short Pungent Paragraphs Gathered He So far as is known, a greyhound is th

No Building Association More Advanced in its Methods

nome on the farm where reading is un- SIXTH ANNIIAL STATEMEN WILMINGTON, DEL, Dec. 31st, 1904.

To the Shareholders of the National Building Loan and Provident Association :

tion of our Association at the close isiness December 31st, 1904. We are year. Have something ahead to work for in our existence, and we hope for the During the last three years we have paid to withdrawing shareholders over one hundred and forty-four thousand dollars. yet our stock in force has not been mate ially reduced.

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Farmers who have kept right along growing draft horses through good times and through bad have been money ahead.

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Receipts	
ash Ba'ance, Dec. 31, '03	\$ 468 28
stalment Stock	39,690 78
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ock Loans Repaid	4,453 50
terest and Premium	17,094 91
nes	589 59
ppraisal Fees	75 00
ansfer Fees	8 00
apsed Stock	447 82

Disbursements

Full Paid Stock, Withdrawn nterest on Stock, Certificates

BILL RESULT OF CONSTABLE MURDER for Self Protection

The murder of Albert Constable, thewelltnown lawyer, at Elkton, Md., in August last, and to which crime John M. Simpers Maryland Penitentiary at Baltimore, will probably lead to person in this State being allowed to carry revolvers. Senator David C. Rose of Newark, who lives within six miles of where the Constable ing for the issuance of licenses to per

sons to carry revolvers for self-protection. The measure will direct the resident If we were unfortunate enough to be judge in each county to issue permits of nong the class of renters, if we had not this character when the applicants shall a foot of land we could call our own, we give satisfactory reasons. Senator Rose would make a desperate effort to have the cites the Constable murder as a reason move made this year the last one. We why persons who live in the country, mow it is easier to say this than it is to particularly, should be allowed to arm

Mr. Rose believes that had Lawyer Constable been armed he might have shot Simpers before being mortally

REDUCED RATES TO WASHINGTON

On account of the Inauguration of President Roosevelt on March 4, the Penn-sylvania Railroad Company will sell und-trip tickets to Washington, March risburg, and intermediate stations; from extention of return limit to leave Washington on or before March 18. For specington on or before March 18. For specific rates and full information apply to the earth. A mile down has more than

On account of the Mardi Gras festivities

Excursion tickets, including round-trip railway transportation and Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals of route on the special train going at the company will sell round-trip tickets to either of these places from all stations or

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE

To-day the English language is spoker

v 135,000,000 people. Russia has a larger proportion of blind people than any other European country All the ships of the United States are

eing supplied with steel furniture. It costs a beautiful \$2000 a day to re

Three hundred and thirty people were illed in Chicago last year by railway ac-

ith a lady book agent is fairly well quipped for the battle of life. The smallest screws made are for the

ble will hold 100,000 of them. Chicago's new swing bridge across the Chicago river has a movable part 275 feet ong, each leaf of which weighs 2,000,000

An Elkhart, Ind., man has just becom

he father of twins a second time. That ndiana climate is simply wonderful. One of the courts has decided that an merican girl who marries a foreigner

rith a title doesn't have to pay his debts ould hold all the inhabitants of Milwankee-312,000 about--and then there

A Michigan girl fainted upon being kissed, and the chump of a fellow doused cold water in her pretty face instead of using the "simila similibus curanter" treatment on her.

An eight-foot steel chimney, 230 feet in height, has just been completed, and will be erected in Mexico. This will be the highest steel chimney in America.

The precise number of words in the Old and New Testaments are 773,692, and by reading something like ten minutes a day at the pace of 200 words a minute ne could read the Bible through in a

You don't need to advertise because everybody in town knows who you are and where you are? So does everyone know who the other fellow is and where he is. What is going to keep them from going to see him instead of you?

As long as there is life there is troubl and taxes. A widow is never satisfied to have four legs to be a hog. Office as a rogue seeks a policeman.

A Japanese boy presented an essay which contained the following: "Until recently the Japanese use to fight with bows and arrows, but now they are equipped with the complete arms of a

Mr. Carnegie is apparently getting ong way toward the accomplishment of his ambition to die poor. His return to the tax assessor in New York shows that he has but a measly \$5,000,000 left, or

H. L. Lowden of Boston, an amater obilist, smashed the world's record for a mile by driving the distance at the ing errific rate of 105 miles an hour, he hav covered the distance in 34 1-5 seconds A professional from England made a mile in one-fifth second more. The previous auto record for the mile was made by William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., who made

mile in thirty-nine seconds. When a petition is handed to you read it before putting your name down Besides men as a rule are too busy now adays to stop for a little thing like that The other day a man went through a big office building in Chicago, on a wager and secured 20 names to a petition asking the public executioner to hang everyone of

Last year the output of coal in the United States exceeded 300,000,000 tons or over one-third of the world's and supply, and only 3 per cent, of this enor output was exported.

At Fort Apache, Arizona, there ar

numbers of ravens, shiny black birds, much bigger than crows. One day a dog took a bone out on the parade ground and settled down to gnaw it. Two ravens flying by spied him and thought they would like the bone, too. They went down and circled about the dog's head, talking to each other all the time Every now and then they would make a dash at the bone, but whenever they were within reach the dog snapped at them. Finally one of the ravens lighted 2, 3 and 4, good for return, passage other still flew about his head. Then until March 8, inclusive, from New York,
Philadelphia, Pottsville, Wilkesbarre.

up close to the dog, seized the end of the pinch. When the dog whirled round to was in front of him pounced on the bone Agent in Washington on or before March spread its wings and flew after its mate.

The deepest shafts in the world are in the famous copper mines of Lake Super once been aimed at, but the attempt has as yet been doomed to utter failure, and as yet been doomed to utter failure, and the principal debarring influence is the alarming increase of temperature when nearing that immense depth. The tem-perature increases one degree for every 110 feet down.

A Freeport, Ill., man owns a dog to which he is greatly attached. Recently when the animal was sick, he took it to

Representative Garrison Will Introduce the Bill

WILL EXCLUDE LOBBYISTS

Dover, Del., Feb. 20th.-Representa House that he will introduce a bill pro riding for the submission of the question of licen e or no license of the sale of in toxicating liquors to the qualified voter

The signers to the petition thus far ar Representative Baggs, Denney, Garrison McGinnis, Benson, Murray and Davis Union Republicans, and Representative have promised to sign are Senators T. C Moore, Barnard and Honston, and it is expected Senator Conner will sign the pe

The bill will be drawn in conformit with the local option law of Maryland which has been passed upon and declared nstitutional by the Supreme Court of

that state. executive session and discussed the ques ion of keeping lobbyists from the floor of that body. The number of person other than members and those privileged to the floor who have been trooping through Senate and House chambers ha been growing steadily, until some of the members have concluded that it must be

Hereafter nobody excepting member Senate and House will be admitted to the floor of the Senate except through the principal door, guarded by Sergeant at-arms Henry M. Lang. After the join ession Sergeant-at-arms Lang was given careful instructions as to the exclusion of all persons excepting those entitled to the privilege of the floor. The door leading from the House cloak room into the Senate cloak room also will be kept locked, o exclude intruders.

The House will probably take the same action within a day or two, as there has been more or less confusion attending he sessions the last two or three days. The House this afternoon passed the House bill increasing the salary of the ourt stenographer from \$1,500 to \$2,000 year. Six Union Republicans voted gainst it. Representatives Lyons and W. S. Meredith announced they intended to support the measure, and Representa-tives Townsend, Marshall and Abbott poke against it. Mr. Townsend conended that a salary of \$1,500 a year was sufficient for a man who did ten months work a year like the court stenographer. Horace G. Knowles was called upon to explain the bill, and said the judges unanously were! favorable to it and there was no doubt but that Mr. Hardesty, the ourt stenographer, was entitled to coniderable more money than he is paid for

his services. There was a spirited fight over the House bill to extend the powers of justices of the peace, and give them jurislicdiction in cases of petty larceny, carry ing concealed deadly weapons, disturbreligious worship, and violating

the liquor laws. Representative Meredith contended that the bill in question would deprive nan of his fundamental right to trial by

the bill expressly provided that an appeal might be taken to the upper court in

bill and fourteen against it. Representathirds vote is necessary to pass such a bill, decision until he could confer with the Democrats voted solidly against the meas-

THE MARDI GRAS

For the especial benefit of those desiring to witness the unique Mardi Gras celebration at New Orleans, the Pennsylvania Railroad has arranged for a person ally-conducted tour, to leave New Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, Friday, March 3rd. A special trai of high-class Pullman equipment will be run, in charge of a tourist agent. Three days will be devoted to New Orleans, the of No. 715 East Fifth street, Wilmington

party returning direct to New York. Tourists will occupy this train contin nously, so that hotel accommodations and meals in New Orleans will not have to be considered. A special grand stand will be provided on the main line of the great was employed at the railroad shops at be provided on the main line of the great parades. Round-trip rate, including round-trip transportation, Pullman berth struck by a train at Third street crossing. in both directions and during stay in New The discovery was made by the crew of Orleans, all meals in dining car during the annex workman's train, and the entire trip, and seat in special grand stand at New Orleans: \$65 from Washington. Proportionate rates from other points. Detailed itineraries and full information may be obtained of Ticket Agents: Hugh Hasson, Jr., Passenger Agent Baltimore District, 315 North-Charles Street, Balti-Agent Southeastern District, Fifteenth and G Streets, Washington, D. C.; on Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

SIXTY THOUSAND DIE ANNUALLY

According to what he claimed to be by the Rev. O. R. Jenks, in a sermon re

THE WORLD'S FIRST BILLIONAIRE

ohn D. Rockefeller Now Has an

The New York Commercial is a conse vative financial journal. It has been its endency to under estimate rather than to exaggerate. And that paper states that a few years the fortune of John D. Rockefeller will be fully one billion dol-lars, and that the oil king's present inme is \$5,000,000 a month.

As far as the actual possession of money s concerned, the public is not harmed. The gold is not locked up. It has not een buried. The dollars are in circula tion and passing through the hands of the outcher, the baker and manufacturer,

And Mr. Rockefeller cannot eat them nor wear them; or ward off disease and old age with them. As far as he is personally concerned and beyond the million or two that he spends annually in gratifying hobbies and in actual living expenses. these dollars might as well be old junk for all the real good they do

They do make it possible for one man to say who shall work and who shall starve, and who shall engage in business in the markets of theworld. They make t possible to control legislation as well as the finances of the country. By centra-lizing industry and hogging opportunity theyforce an increase those who must work for wages and derease the number of those who eml ark in

usiness for themselves There are wi-e men in this country who see in this coming billionaire and what ne represents a greater danger than America has ever known before and who believe that it can only be curbed by one of two methods Legislation, rigidly enorced, or revolution

The last must not be And while the world awaits the peace ful solution of this great problem the fortune that is too great for the human mind

MRS. ROOSEVELT'S UNIQUE GOWN

The Shade Will be Called "Alice Blue" Strangely Enough for Inauguration

New York, Feb. 20th.-Material for Mrs. Roosevelt's inauguration gown is being woven at a silk mill in Paterson. It is of an entirely new design and new shade. Mrs. Roosevelt suggested the de sign, and the shade will be known as daughter, who selected it from material she saw at the St. Louis fair.

While admiring the new shade, which Roosevelt conceived the idea that if would make a handsome gown for inaug completed, according to her ideas, it nally across the blue background.

two inches from the tip of one wing to size until the smallest is very minute. in such a manner that, as the goods are held up to the light and slowly turned, and doves seem to sink into the background and slowly disappear. The work of weaving the goods was begun three

TWELVE BILLION INSURANCE panies of the United States are now \$2.-500,000,000, with more than \$2,000,000, Twenty votes were recorded for the Another billion has been added to the insurance in force of the old-line companies making it nearly twelve billions. nearly \$7,000,000,000 to this, and the industrial \$2,000,000,000 more, making a total of more than \$21,000,000,000 of life companies. The premium income of the old-line companies increased \$40,000,000 to \$435,000,000 and the total income from ms and investments is now over \$600,000,000. During the year the companies paid out nearly \$200,000,000 in claims and \$75,000,000 more in dividends

and cash surrender values.

KILLED BY A TRAIN With his skull and one leg fractured and otherwise injured, J. J. Conner, 20 yrs old, tracks at Third street and Railroad Avenue Monday night and died at the Delaware Hospital about 1 o'clock Tuesday morn mitted to the hospital Conner's skull was trephined, but he failed to rally.



BY VIOLET M. FLINN

'Yes. It has thirty-two bed-ro and nearly as many dressing-rooms. It used to be a show-place years ago, but a place that does not below

Sir-my-Sir Jasper did not like it. We She grew very nervous as she spoke of

her husband, and I noticed that her hand shook as she lifted the glass of water "I wonder that" you like living here

alone," I said bluntly. "If I were you I should take a dear little house near town and not bury myself in the coun-

my reasons for living here!" she said After dinner we sat in a small oak-panelled room. It was infinitely pleasanter and more cosy than any room I had yet her chair in a faint. seen at Verriker Court. There was a pano in one corner, and I played and sang. My performance did not show any particular musical talent, yet it was probably above the average, but I never felt so small in my life as when Lady Verri
"Who would have expected her to faint so small in my life as when Lady Verriker took my place. She was a born

ulous that I should mean what I said. "I love music!" she said softly, and she had changed marvellously. I could better now, my lady?" trace some resemblance in her now to the, word-portrait which Sir Adam had given

her cheeks, and she seemed quite incred-

"It has always been my solace." had not once mentioned his name. "It then she seemed to remember where she was he who used to encourage me to was and who were with her. She looked at practice. My father does not know one me piteously, and, moved by some sudnote from another."

again. I hoped that she would say more, but her habitual reserve overtook her, and she seemed quite anxious to leave Sir Adam out of the conversation.

so when I saw her first, and I still thought so when I had been in her house for Hull. Would you mind seeing if it is nearly a week. It was an awfully slow The weather was very unsettled, and it was impossible to take any walks beyond the limits of the park. There were no visitors to the court. Lady Ver"Her" riker told me that she knew no one, and I learned afterwards that she had set her self against friendliness with anyone, though, indeed, there were few people in the neighborhood who would have considered themselves on an equality with my arm round Lady Ve riker.

But there was little inducement for any said, "Anne can look after Mr. Hull," one to visit the Court. An air of ruined desolation and decay prevaded house and went slowly upstairs. She was shaking grounds alike. There were only three servants in the place—the man who acted steward, a rough country girl who seemed more or less of an idiot, and Anne, an wrong, for the instant that she got inside austere and forbidding woman who com- her own room she broke into so violent

I did not like Anne, and I knew that Lady Verriker did not. She used to I exhausted all my sympathy and tenshrink back when the woman came near derness upon her. I closed the door, for her, and I could see that she was very she seemed to be dreadfully afraid lest much in her servant's power. It was a any one should hear her, and I persaded great puzzle to me; but then the whole her to lie on the couch while I knelt were the same. It was very difficult to best I could. I had never seen any believe that Lady Verriker was the wealthy woman that Sir Adam and my father had assured me she was. If she were, why did she save and haggle over pence? Why did she wear such shabby quite alarmed at the violence of her grief. clothes and deny kerself even a daily paper? Sir Jasper had been very extravagent, but he was dead now, and she was her own mistress. But an event of women!" she cried, holding my hand occurred which made me suspect that in her close fevered grip. "There is not

distressed at the prospect of their coming and when they drove up the avenue in You are so kind to me!"-and she looked the antiquated brougham, her evident up with streaming eyes and quivering and unhappiness were piti-

gasp. "Another battle! How shall I get through it?"

She was closeted with the two men for a long while. I passed this time in reading until presently Anne appeared in the "But

would like you to join her in the library,"

I was greatly surprised at the sum but I went at once and found that I was wanted to witness Lady Verriker's signared with legal papers, and in front of the old lawyer, who looked and spoke as if he were in a very bad temper, a heap as it he were made sovereigns was lying. I had an occasion to lean over to Lady Verthem. But you are a good dear girl, an occasion to lean over to Lady Ver-riker, whose face was very flushed and Ethel. It was like him—like Adam's who seemed to be on the verge of tears, and I saw that she had just signed a Yet that very morning I had near her tell the man servant that she could not Lady Verriker? Yet that very morning I had heard her then I stole quietly out of the room.

"I hope that you don't intend to keep all this money-and the jewels-in the house, Lady Verriker," the lawyer said looked angrily round the decayed, neg- ered down to the lake, and stood on the -"would be a very easy one

were altogether out of patience.

he or she was speaking most of that time. I do not know what the discussion was about, but I was struck by his impatient, almost openly angry manner and her quiet, apparently yielding, yet wholly inflexible opposition. Nothing that he

unced sneer-"you have not spen

o much money as you think!"
"Why should I spend my money upor retorted, and he looked as astonished as if a mouse had suddenly become a lion. "I am a free agent, Mr. Hull, and it doe He muttered an unwilling apology, but the had relapsed into her customary meek manner again.

"I suppose you know that Sir Reginald has sailed?" he asked suddenly. She started violently. "He cabled to me from New York to say that he was leav try! This place seems to be miles away ing last Saturday, so he will be here-from civilization!" yes, probably on Monday. I am afra disappointment to him, but of course with a sort of rush, as if she were forcing herself to speak. "It—II ke to be quiet!" what is the matter ?"—for Lady Verriker had stared at him with wild terrified

musician, and the music which she called the morning? She is really a most exforth from the little piano thrilled me. It was wonderful. But my pra'se seemed almost to frighten her. The color rose in little thought of me. "I can't make her out at all! What on earth is she doing with her money? She's as bad as ever Sir Jasper was! There, there, you're

Her faded eyes opened and she gazed round almost in bewilderment.

"I-I'm very sorry, Jasper," she begar "Sir Adam Gordon is awfully fond of nusic too!" I said tentatively, for she to shield herself. "I—I—" And den unaccountable instinct, I threw my The color rose in her face arms around her small shrinking form and kissed her thin white cheek. "You fainted, dear Lady Verriker."

said. "Don't you remember? "Yes-it-it was the heat. I am all She was a strange woman! I thought right now"—and she rose to her feet.

ready?" I assented at once; but at that momen Anne made her appearance with a glass

ungraciously. "You'd better go and lie down, m'lady." And then I heard her mutter under her breath, "Upsetting

I looked at her indignantly, and put

"Let me take you to your ro She was too feeble to protest, and we in every limb, and now and again I heard bined all the domestic duties in herself. a fit of crying and sobbing and with such proceedings at Verriker Court beside her and soothed her as

fully."

"Oh, Ethel, I am the most miserable she was miserly and that she simply a more miserable woman than I am on could not bear to spend money. She was very disturbed and pray Heaven that you may never know

lips. "You kissed me. No one has kissed me for nearly twenty years. Oh, ole to behold.

"Oh, dear—oh, dear!" I heard her my dear, you can't understand—how can you understand what it has been to me to be lonely, unloved, uncared for? Oh. what my life has been-what my life has

> "But that is all over now," I said as soothingly as I could, and I kissed her again. "Forget all the misery and unhappiness of the past and live just for the future. Let us go away from this horrid gloomy place. Come and live in town and we will take care of you-father, Sir Adam and I !"

She shook her head : yet a faint colo

"Ah, if it could only be !" she mu kind unselfishness—to send you to me."
She closed her eyes wearily, and I sa What was the mystery that enveloped

CHAPTER III

Lady Verriker stayed in her room all the afternoon, so, as the rain had ceased, "It is a very risky and danger- I put on my hat and went out for a wall ruined steps of the Italian temple that had served as a boathouse, and in which for any burglar to enter."

"I—I will be careful!" she said faintly, and the lawyer sniffed angrily, as if he was looking over the dreary expanse of rere altogether out of patience.

I was in the room for some time, and a cor she was speaking most of that time. The do not know what the discussion was speaken and civil man who had been on the correction big bouldard. dirty water, Roberts, the

the estate since his boyhood. "Have you got the key of the bhathouse, Roberts?" I asked. "Are either of those boats waterprool?"

rgument which he could use, a her from the course she had old tubs," he said, dropping the handles "Yery well, Lady Verriker," he said, arising his lips and gathering his papers gether with impatient fingers. "Of three, you know your own mind, and mare an independent agent, but it impations to sell out of Distrathethis, time. It will be a dead loss, until y and he looked round with a since the year her ladyship came here of the barrow with alacrity. He was

when she was married, and that's twenty year since. There were great rejoicing then, and the place was full of company and everything as free and plentiful could be. I've seen as many as twenty horses waiting at the great door in those days to take some of the ladies and gen-tlemen for rides; but it didn't last."

I had never encouraged him to talk about the Verrikers before; but now my curiosity, excited by the morning's events got the better of my discretion, and I let Roberts talk on about the gay doings that had marked the beginning of Lady

Verriker's reign at the Court. "You see, miss, Sir Jasper was ever s nuch older than her ladyship. She were just a slip of a girl straight from school I've heard, and he—well, he were 'wild Verriker'! That's what they used to call him. And there were doings here -my word! There were one Sunday afternoon that a lot of 'em, and some ladies too-more shame to 'em !-were yes, probably on Monday. I am afraid that firs rather lonely, but—but—I have that his new possessions will be rather a of her ladyship's dogs—a little Yorkshire of her ladyship's dogs—a little Yorkshire terrier, it were—and he set it to fight with his own bull dog; and in the middle of it, while they were all laughin' and "Who would have expected her to faint after the way she has been fighting all the ladies. He seemed as if he could do life's treacherous highway those whom anything with them."

Roberts paused and gazed reflectively ver the water. Then he continued-"Her ladyship never came back'ere ong gallery, and he-the other gentlen-were all but killed; and the lady that people said as it were all about she drowned 'erself, 'ere in this very lakewere one o' them as 'elped to get her

down at the still unruffled surface almost

"What an awful story, Roberts! No onder that the place was deserted!"

"Ay! There's a curse on it, folk say and I think it's true. Maybe it 'll be better when Sir Reginald comes home; but there's no money, so we 'ear. The lawyers want 'im to sell it, or something like that. I don't know about it; butlor, it's a changed place to what it were !' "Who is Reginald?" I asked. "Do

Roberts shook his head.

"No. miss. He's never been 'ere, and ve 'eard tell he's very poor, and has been on a cattle farm somewhere in America. But I don't know the rights 'ouse will be falling about our ears soon if it ain't repaired!"

But I did not want to hear any more. returned to live in such a place. What

I reached the end of the avenue, and I arated the avenue from the road. It was not the principal avenue, nor was the power. road one which was generally used. It was a cross road that ran from the village

I was very much surprised therefore when I saw a cyclist coming slowly to-Roby Hollow. He did not see me nntil shaven face. He was dressed in ordinary raised his cap.

"I am afraid I can't tell you" I ans-

wered. "I only know that this road leads to Roby Hollow." "Then I am quite wrong. I was warned not to go near Roby Hollow but through Plex."

"Oh, Plex is in that direction!" I ex road at alt.' He uttered an exclamation of impati-

"How provoking! And I am already late for an appointment! Is there—I wonder if I might venture to ask if there He spoke and looked like a gentlema

"I am very sorry," I said at length feeling horribly ungracious; "but this is private ground, and I have no right to say whether you could cross the park or think that Lady Verriker-"

"Lady Verriker!" he exclaimed, and his face expressed the utmost astonishment. "Is this Verriker Court, the seat

of Sir Jasper Verriker?"
"Sir Jasper is dead," I answered.
"Lady Verriker isstaying here for a time.

"I have not that pleasure, although I have often seen her. But Sir Jasper—I was at one time intimate with him. I remember now that I did hear while I was member now that I did hear while I was abroad that he had died suddenly. I wish that I had time to call upon Lady Verriker; and yet perhaps she would not care to see me. I am afraid"—with a half-smile that revealed a gleam of white teeth—"it would be hardly a welcome introduction to tell her that I was her habband's friend."

and religion. It abolishes the old commission and leaves the work of construction and the appointment of the managers entirely in the hands of the President. It does not undertake to say whether there shall be a lock level or a sea level canal. This too it is presumed, is left for the decision of the Administration. half-smile that revealed a gleam of white teeth—"it would be hardly a welcome introduction to tell her that I was her husband's friend."

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18, 1905. HE Statue of Frances Willard, the gift of the State of Illinois to the United States is in its place in Statuary Had of the Capitol. Right besides it stands the statue of George Washington whose statue was moved a few inches to make room for that of Miss Willard. This is the first statue of a woman to be erected in the Capitol and the undertaking has been the enterprise of women from beginning to end. The inspiration came from a woman, the legislation was promoted by women, they secured the and the sculptor is also a woman Women from all parts of the country were present at the unvelling and yet who is not appreciative of the justice in having the statue placed among those of our greatest men. Few, if any of them were better known than Miss Willard and none perhaps did more good for his fel-low men while he lived. The inscription on the pedestal is from an address of Miss Willard: "Ah, it is women who had stared at him with wild terrified shoutin', her ladyship came down. I have given the costliest hostage fortune. eyes, and then had slipped quietly off think she hated Sir Jasper from that Out into the battle of life they have sent winnte. She tried to separate the dogs, their best beloved with fearful odds. I rushed to her assistance and the clerk and the little terrier's blood got over her against them. Oh, by dangers they have against them. Oh, by dangers they have one corner, and I played and one water. Mr. Hall, to do one corner, and I played and one white frock. It died in her arms, and dared by the hours of patient watching she cried, and Sir Jasper—he laughed at over the beds where helpless children lay; her! He were a bad man-a man who by the incense of ten thousand prayers loved cruelty and wickedness. And yet wafted from their gentle lips to Heaven, they have so loved."

> A sensation was sprung in Congres this week by the acton of the House in after that visit until now. But Sir and per did, and it were then—People had thought 'e'd settle down steady-like had thought 'e'd settle had thought 'e'd sett He were as bad as ever a few months after; and the place was mortgaged, and he begun cutting down the timber. And then be game again and he and another. then he came again, and he and another the House to originate all revenue legisgentleman had a violent quarrel, and lation. Party lines were forgotten in inn and Sir Jasper fought a jewel in the the spirited protest against the action of the Senate and by a vote of 261 to 5 the bill was returned to the Senate. Speechs were made by both the majority minority leaders and the work of the jumped off these steps into the sedges. I Senate in the matter was characterized as an aggressive attack of the Senate on the out."
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> House. The inconsistency of the Senate which is even now indignantly protesting against the action of the President in the arbritration matters, in itself usurping came in for much caustic comment.

The President's message accompanying the Santo Domingan protocol it is under stood has made a very favorable impres sion upon the senate and it will doubt less be well received by the country at large. The idea that the Monroe Doc trine imposes other duties upon the United States than those of mere defense from aggression as relating to the petty republics of this hemisphere is so patent and so just that it need only be m ed to be approved. It is expected that s alike. There were only three in every limb, and now and again I head sin the place—the man who acted chman, gardener, footman and me think that she was about to succumb see a change for the better. Why, the sion immediately after the Fourth of March. The tension between the Senate the Senate will confirm the protocol if and the President, it is thought has be very much exaggerated. As has been I got away from that horrible water and went for a walk in the opposite direction his heart on his sleeve but he wears his. What a dreadful place the Court was mind on his sleeve. Anybody can know with its gruesome stories! I began to what he thinks about anything. In fact count the days to my return to town, and the only way they can avoid knowing it yet all the time I was conscious that I is to keep out of earshot. His words in should hate to leave Lady Verriker alone in the gloom-haunted house. I felt the treaty to the Senate were: "The Senate w angry against her that she should have ate has of course the right to reject or to amend in any way it sees fit and treaty could have been her reason? Why did laid before it and it is clearly the duty of she not leave it and forget its dreadful as- the Senate to take any step which in the exercise of it best judgment it deems to be for the interest of the nation," Those leaned for some time with my arms words will stand forever as a refutation of the assertion that the President atof the assertion that the President attempted to usurp the treaty making

One morning, shortly after my arrival, her lawyer and his clerk came down to I have never lived! Oh, my dear, 1 some improvement during the last three needed. The foreign commerce of the wards me and riding in the direction of country which has made such great strides since 1900 is capable of a much he was quite close to the gate, and I had greater development and it is realized leisure to observe that he was a man of that educated consuls speaking the lanabout forty-five, and had a dark clean- guage of the countries to which they are accredited are indispensable accessories cycling garb, and carried a small hand- to the promotion of trade. In this parti camera on his handle-bars. When he cular we have been outclassed by Engsaw me he jumped off his machine and land and Germany whose consuls and commercial agents were men of parts. of "I beg your pardon, but I am afraid that I have missed my way. Am I going in the right direction for Muddleham?" Representative Douglass of New York has Representative Douglass of New York has introduced a bill to create a Commission er of Consuls and to re-organize the Con-sular service of the United States. By the terms of the bill the Commissioner is to serve under the Secretary of State and is to report yearly to Congress. It also of the Consular service. The President claimed, and pointed across the park.
"You ought not to have come down this speaks French and German and possibly speaks French and German and possibly Dutch is much interested in having American Consuls as fully accomplished

as those of any other country. The Panama canal bill has been another casus belli between the House and the Senate. The Senate majestically ignored the fact that Mr. Mann of the House had presented a bill which was passed and had gone to the Senate. The latter body ordered the preparation of a only a visitor here, and I Senator Kittredge. Many members of of the Senate for here again the right of constitutional right belonging to the House is ignored by the Senate. The bill as passed by the House places the Government of the Canal zone in the president until March the Fourth 1907 or the end of the next Congress, providin that the government shall protect the inhabitants in their liberties, property and religion. It abolishes the old com-

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY, 88.

Whereas, Mary C. Connell, by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, all for the cause of complaint therin alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Michael F. Connell.

Connell.

We, therefore, command you, as you We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Michael F. Connell, that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Twenty-thirdof May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Mary C. Connell, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

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